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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Can We Believe The Predictions of the Bible?

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"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."—Matt. 5:18.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."—Matt. 24:35.

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."—Ps. 119:89.

"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."—I Pet. 1:25.

Jesus our Saviour said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my

words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

How transitory are the things of this world, but how eternal and enduring is the Word of the Lord! Here are two tremendous facts, both of which should cause men to stop and think. First, "Heaven and earth shall pass away"; second, the Word of God shall never pass away. If men really believed these two truths, it would change their whole outlook upon life and would bring them in humble penitence before God.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away." The Bible leaves no doubt about this. This world and the heavens above are to be destroyed when God brings His final judgments upon sinners. Isaiah looked down across the years unborn and by God's Spirit saw the day of God's vengeance upon a wicked world. Some of the most pungent language of the Bible is used to describe the horrors of that

awful hour of destruction. The prophet says, "the mountains shall be melted with their blood . . . the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll . . . For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences . . ." (Isa. 34:3-8).

The Apostle Peter also foresaw the passing away of the heavens and the earth. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Then comes this warning from God! "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (II Pet. 3:10-12). What could be plainer than this? God has given to the world this solemn warning; that He in wrath and indignation

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Dr. Tom Malone

The Autopsy of a Dead Church

By Rev. Jack Hyles
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"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."—Rev. 3:1.

Many times when a person dies the physician asks the survivors for permission to perform an autopsy on the corpse. The autopsy not only tells the physician and the family the cause of death, but also many times gives scientific facts that might prevent an early death in the lives of others.

In our Scripture passage for this message we find that Sardis was a dead church. In a day when churches are dying by the hundreds it would do us well to perform an autopsy on Sardis in order to find the cause for her death, and also to prevent our churches from dying. First, notice several things about a CORPSE.

1. A Corpse Does Not Realize It Is Dead

Did you ever hear a corpse say that it had died? The same is true

with a church. The fact that a church does not think it is dead has no bearing at all. Many churches who have a name to be

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Rev. Jack Hyles

John 3:16

Heart-Moving Messages on the

Best-Loved Text in the Bible



By the late Robert L. Moyer

Dean of Northwestern Schools; Pastor of First Baptist Church, Minneapolis

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

CHAPTER THREE

The World . . .

One day in the Santa Fe railroad yards in Topeka, Kansas, during the noon hour, an infidel, seeing a fellow workman reading his Bible, said: "What! reading that? You surely don't believe it?"

"Well, I have struck a verse just now I hardly know whether to believe or not."

"Aha," retorted the infidel in glee, "I thought so. What is it?"

"John 3:16. It seems too good to believe."

It does seem too good to be true. We could easily understand why the Word might declare, "God so hated the world." If we could say, "He loves us because we first loved Him," we might be able to understand it, but just the reverse is true.

"The World" Demands Definition

The necessity for definition is seen in the fact that in Scripture five Hebrew and four Greek words are translated "world." Dr. Pier-son suggests that the distinction might be set forth by using four simple phrases: matter world, created world, habited world, timed world.

However, it is not necessary in this study to take up the nine words. We will forget eight of them and look at the one in the text: *cosmos*, which is properly translated "world." From "cosmos" we derive "cosmology," the science which treats of the order and course of nature; "cosmopolitan," which means "common to all the world" (Man is called cosmopolitan to denote that he is a citizen of the world); "cosmetics"—but why bring that up?

The word "cosmos" still needs definition, since it is used in a threefold way in the Scriptures. It means the *material world*, and is so used in Romans 1:20—"creation of the world."

It is also used of the *world people*; that is, for all the people living in the world. "He is the propitiation . . . for the whole world" (I John 2:2). And of course this means *world people*, not the material world. We might note carefully that these world people (for whom propitiation is made) are sinners, alienated from the life of God. John 1:10 tells us that Christ came into the world, and "the world knew him not." That is, He came into the material world which He had made, but the world people knew Him not.

This word is also used for the *world system*. The course of the affairs of the world people is according to an order, a system. In Ephesians 2:2 we are told that the walk of the world people is "according to the course of this world." The world system is further stated to be "according to the prince of the power of the air"; that is, Satan, who was called by

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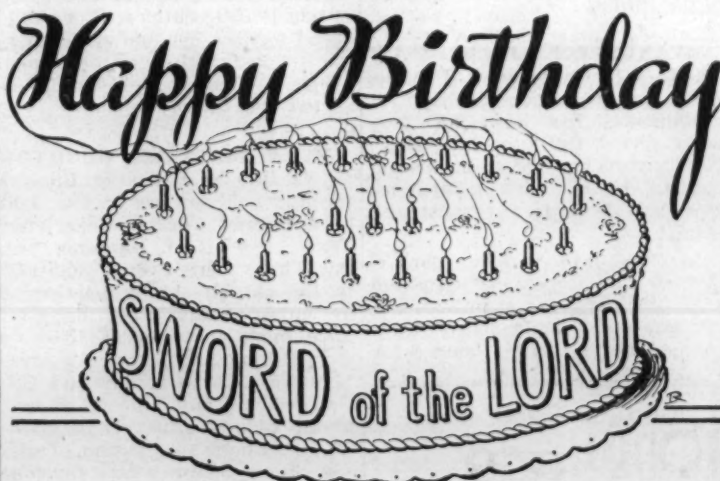
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Special August Sale Insert

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23 Years Old September 28!

THE SWORD OF THE LORD will be celebrating its twenty-third year of service as a voice of evangelism, getting out the Gospel, defending the faith, stirring revival fires. THE SWORD has been raising money to send the Gospel around the world through a free literature fund distributing gospel literature in millions of copies in a total of more than twenty-three languages. We have helped thousands of national pastors, missionaries, retired ministers, shut-ins, ministerial students, with our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund. We have boosted revival and soul-winning causes everywhere. But now it is time to take care of the actual needs of THE SWORD OF THE LORD itself. We must pay up bills, and raise a capital investment to carry on this tremendous work.

Will you say, "Happy birthday, SWORD OF THE LORD," by sending a love gift by September 28? Some will send 23c for each member of the family. Some will send 23 dimes (\$2.30). Some will send \$23.00. Some will send 23 ten-dollar bills (\$230). And for every gift of \$23.00 or more by a person or family, we will send a beautiful framable certificate showing that you have part in "Investment Evangelism" for eternal results for Christ.

Friends of evangelism and the historic Christian faith, those burdened for soul winning and revival, let's send \$50,000 in gifts by September 28. Address the Sword of the Lord Foundation, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications, additions etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.

REV. J. D. CARLSON of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with Herbert Hoover, songleader, and Ira Gerig from Fort Wayne Bible College, conducted a two-week New Life Crusade at Burnside, Michigan, from June 30 through July 14. The meetings were sponsored by the Fisherman's Club, a group of Christian men from this area interested in evangelism, and several co-operating churches. From the first day until the end, it was evident that God's blessing was upon this effort to win people for Christ. The crowds were large, and all financial affairs were adequately cared for. There were 80 decisions for Christ in the revival, and on the closing Sunday over 100 young people responded to the invitation for full-time Christian service should the Lord call them.

EVANGELIST PAUL LEVIN and **SINGER BOB FINDLEY** recently concluded a one-week evangelistic meeting in Kent and Montcalm Counties in Michigan. The revival was sponsored by the Ken-Mont Youth Rally, made up of five independent churches from the area. Rev. Kenneth W. Tuinstra, pastor of the Entrican Community Bible Church in Stanton, Michigan, reports that there were 26 souls dealt with in the meeting, and of the 26, there were three married couples saved. The pastors recommend Brothers Paul Levin and Bob Findley for their ministry of music and straight preaching of the Word.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** of Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, reports a good revival with the First Baptist Church of Owasso, Oklahoma. During the meeting there were 20 conversions, 6 coming for church membership, 12 rededications, and 27 baptisms. The last Sunday of the meeting the Sunday School had a record attendance of 205. Several outstanding conversions were reported during the meeting.

EVANGELIST DOUGLAS WINN of 1224 West Market Street, Greensboro, N. C., reports a good meeting at the Thomas Road Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia. During the meeting there were 86 conversions and additions to the church. In another campaign at the Calvary Baptist Church of Marion, Virginia, where Rev. Bennett Romans is pastor, the church had a record Sunday School attendance during the campaign. No report was given of the number of conversions.

EVANGELIST LARRY TAYLOR (160 Hermine St., San Antonio, Texas) was June 23-30 with the First Baptist Church of Jay, Oklahoma. The pastor, Rev. Jay Murphy, reports 17 came during the revival for baptism, and three other professions were made. Charles Altmore led the singing. Then the evangelist recently closed a revival meeting with the Doverside Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. There were 29 additions, 17 coming for baptism, 5 others saved joining other churches, 2 surrendering for special service, 30 rededications, and 10 family altars begun. Rev. Joe Brumbelow is pastor.

Three pastors have recently reported good meetings with **EVANGELIST BILL COMPTON**, 1801 College, Decatur, Alabama. Rev. Jim West, pastor of the Fremont Street Baptist Church of Crawfordsville, Indiana, reports that there were 13 rededications, 9 decisions for soul winning, 3 family altars established, 6 who joined the church, 13 who began to tithe, 2 who surrendered for full-time Christian service, and 7 conversions in the meeting with Brother Compton. Brother West says the church is still reaping the results of the happy revival meeting.

Rev. John Stubblefield, pastor of the Beacon Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, reports that during a one-week meeting, with Brother Compton, July 7-14, there were 21 saved and a number of rededications and additions to the church. One week's intensive visitation preceded the revival. During the two weeks, there was a total of 47 professions of faith in Christ.

Rev. C. Warren Hill of Bloomington, Indiana, also reports a good meeting with Brother Bill Compton in his church, June 17 through 30. There were 4 first-time decisions for Christ, 8 or 10 definite rededications, 10 families who pledged to begin family altars, and about 12 who pledged to begin tithing.

EVANGELIST JACK VAN IMPE of 14 Gage Street, Pontiac, Michigan, a gospel musician of prominence, has been for four years giving full time to evangelistic preaching, and using his accordion in his own campaigns. Mrs. Van Impe is a vocalist and pianist.

In the last sixteen months Brother Van Impe has "witnessed 3,086 decisions for salvation and restoration in single church campaigns." He is entirely booked for

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1958 with many invitations for 1959. He is beginning to receive invitations for city-wide meetings. He said, "My mind is made up and my heart set to be sponsored only by those who believe and love the cardinal doctrines of the faith."

EVANGELIST HUGH PYLE (1721 S. Gordon St., S. W., Atlanta 10, Georgia) spoke recently at the Silver State Youth Camp in the Rockies, southwest of Denver, and he reports that God gave some great victories. There were 30 souls saved, some 65 public rededications, and 29 youths surrendered for full-time Christian service. Almost all of the camp of nearly 300 youths took a public stand against sin and worldliness on the last night. Rev. Sherman Miller of Englewood, Colorado, directed the camp.

EVANGELIST BOB OUGHTON (P. O. Box 50, Belleville, Illinois) recently held services at the Oaklawn Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas. Rev. R. J. Simpson, pastor. There were twenty additions to the church—14 by baptism, 6 by letter. Many other decisions were made to clean up lives, to start tithing, etc. The pastor says: "I would like to recommend Bob Oughton to any church or any pastor of any situation, large or small, without reservation, if said church or pastor wants someone who believes and preaches the verbal truth of the Word of God without fear or favor."

EVANGELIST JOE MILLER, 110 Maple Avenue, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, recently had one week of special meetings at Hardwick, Georgia. The services were well attended and "the meeting was marked by a great number of Christians rededicating their lives." Brethren are planning for a large tent meeting with Brother E. J. Daniels in September.

Evangelist Joe Miller is a blessed man of God, a strong man of God, fervent, cultured, and Spirit-filled. He was ordained in Calvary Baptist Church in Wheaton, and we are glad he is getting many calls for services. I think he has some time open in September and October. Brethren interested may write him.

Please mention THE SWORD OF THE LORD when answering advertisements.



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carl Rice

On June 21, 1957, Joanna Rice, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John R. Rice, became the bride of Billy Carl Rice of Kentucky (no kin). So Joanna did not change her name! (Do not confuse Billy Carl with Dr. Bill Rice, the editor's brother).

Bill, delayed four years by military service (one year in Korea), is completing work in Wheaton College and works meantime in the advertising department of the Sword of the Lord. Joanna continues secretarial work in Sword of the Lord office.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice live at 123 North West Street, Wheaton. They and the editor are grateful for an amazing lot of gifts and best wishes, and we covet for them the prayers of all.

News Notes

Basketballers Witness in Orient

This is the fifth summer that a squad of Christian collegiate all-star basketball players have toured the Orient, playing the best basketball teams and witnessing for Christ. The "Venture for Victory" basketball team has won their 20th consecutive victory. They played 13 games on Formosa in 9 days, and held 31 meetings in orphanages, leproisiums, churches, and with civic groups. The team spent a week in Hong Kong, are now in Bangkok, will visit Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines this summer. The team is coached by Norm Cook and Bud Schaeffer, former "Venture for Victory" stars, now missionaries. The five teams have now compiled a grand total of 324 wins against 4 losses. Their remarkable basketball playing gives them big crowds to which they preach the Gospel and witness.

Don J. Odle, athletic director of Taylor University, coached the first four teams.

Billy James Hargis

of Tulsa, Okla., launched another barrage of Bible balloons into Russia and its satellite countries during the first two weeks in May. Each of the 50,000 hydrogen gas balloons carried five Bible portions translated into six languages. This was the fifth such launching to be made from the border of West Germany by Hargis' "Christian Crusade" movement which has floated over a million Bible portions into communist-dominated territories in the past four years.

Taylor Reports on World Tour

More trained personnel and greater emphasis on distribution are the most pressing needs in missionary literature work, according to Kenneth N. Taylor, director of Moody Bible Institute's literature mission, who recently completed a tour of Christian centers in the Near and the Far East.

Wherever he went Taylor found great openness for gospel literature. Even among the Moslem countries he found a readiness to purchase literature when it was made available. He told of colporteurs selling hundreds of Gospels and Christian books at market places and from house to house in Pakistan and India. "Yet," he observed, "the number of colporteurs is entirely inadequate to meet the great needs."

"Most Christian publishers are doing a fine job in view of the limited finances available, while most mission boards are beginning to make more funds available to fast developing new literature programs. The hour for Christian literature is arriving all around the world," he said.

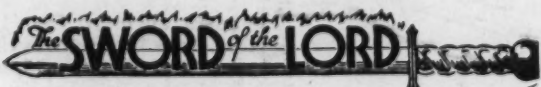
YFC Crusade Against Immoral Literature

WHEATON, Ill.—It's time for the church to "blow the whistle and do something more than talk" about the menace of immoral literature corrupting America's teenagers, said Dr. Robert A. Cook of Wheaton, chairman of the board of Youth for Christ International.

The "do-something" program for the church takes a seven-point attack in Dr. Cook's thinking, including the following:

- (1) Support laws against indecent literature when such laws do not violate the guarantee of press freedom.
- (2) Vocal and written opposition, and effective boycott of magazines and books known to be harmful to youth morals.
- (3) Establishing a library in every church in America, stacked with the best of religious and secular books.
- (4) Special subscription prices,

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Pray for God's Man!

This editor's heart was greatly moved to read a letter from Rev. Gilbert Wright, of Box 1674, Twentynine Palms, California. He works under the Gospel Mission of the United Fundamentalist Church, Inc. He got a card telling that someone had paid for THE SWORD OF THE LORD for a year, and he wrote to thank us. Let this be a reminder that there are many thousands of sincere, hard-working preachers who have barely enough to get by, who would rejoice to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD and have the inspiration and blessing of it.

And I hope that friends will pray for Brother Wright. I have given his name and address, so that anyone who feels led may send him a note of encouragement or a gift. Then be sure to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to someone else, or send us a gift for the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, so we can send it for you. You may now read this moving letter from Brother Wright:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"May the Lord bless thee and keep thee.

"The other day I came in to the post office tired, hot and hungry and found a card telling me that someone had paid for one year for THE SWORD as a gift. Later I came into the home I live in and tried to thank God for a blessing. But I wept before God. Why? My income in 1956 was \$1,001.00. My ministry covers a field 125 miles wide and 200 miles long all in the United States, but no other minister working except false cults (Jehovah Witnesses), and such. On my income I ran a car (when I had one) fed wife and self, preached at least 50 sermons to more than four and reached 1,000 souls who admitted they were lost. I walked 5,000 miles in 1956 in temperatures up to 120° and as low as 32°. Now I am not complaining, the only regret I have is that I waited until I was past 30 years of age to enter the mission work.

"I am trying to write you to let you know as a younger brother how the crops are and what prayer is needed to harvest them.

"This spring I found a fair 1939 Chevrolet and put up to 300 miles a day on it, and now the valves need grinding and other work should be done amounting to about \$70 which I don't have.

"Recently I have been on Sunday morning preaching at Bagdad, California, population 31, Sunday School on Easter, 51. Folk come for 20 miles or more and are like

You Can Trust It!

According to a recent survey, some 22,000 ministers and 3,000 missionaries, Christians in every state in the Union, every province of Canada, and some eighty foreign countries, depend upon THE SWORD OF THE LORD for sound Bible teaching, for instruction in godly living and soul winning and revival, and for defense of the faith and warning Christians about false cults and isms.

You can trust THE SWORD OF THE LORD to be true to Christ and to use investment prayerfully and carefully for the following reasons:

1. Through twenty-three years, the editor has taken no salary, no royalty on his books, but has lived on offerings in revivals, Bible conferences, etc., donating most of his time to this soul-saving, revival-stirring work, and giving many thousands of dollars from his revival ministry.

2. THE SWORD has raised many thousands of dollars just for getting the Gospel out unselfishly, through free literature around the world, not raising money primarily as a capital investment to run its own business.

3. THE SWORD OF THE LORD has not taken the popular, easy stand, but has been outspoken against sin, against modernism, against false cults, and against the enemies of evangelism everywhere.

hungry folk. This is a 140-mile round trip.

"My average day is 17 hours so if you find anyone who can't find a place to preach ship to me at once, and I will give him enough that he can have three 40-hour weeks in each seven days. Oh yes, tell them to bring work clothes as I help the folk who get stuck in the sand, carry drinking water, also water for cars, and know the doctors and garages.

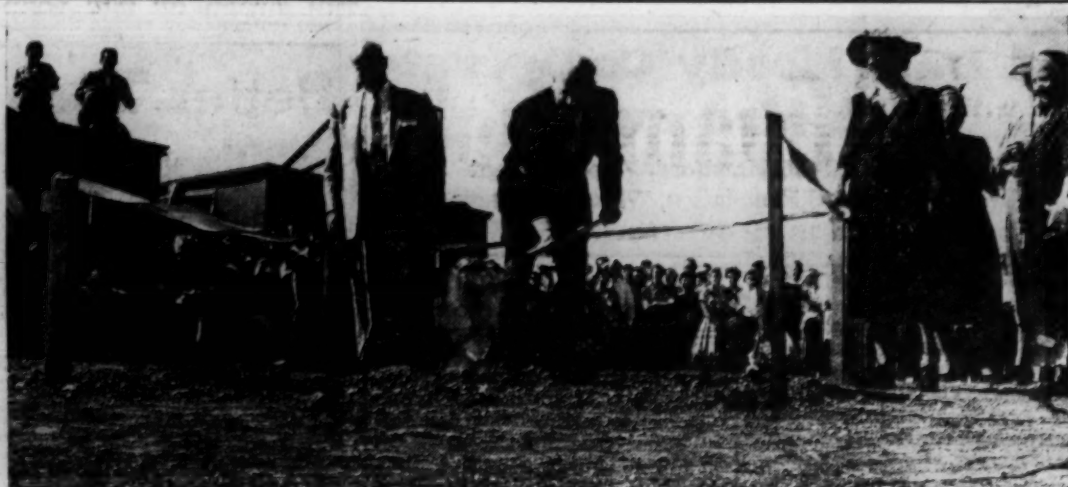
"From this you may be able to tell how to pray for this field from Yuma, Arizona, to Nevada Point on the east over to Barstow, through Twentynine Palms to Indio, Indio to Mexicali, then Yuma. Those are the towns with churches—30 towns that I am supposed to get I cannot get on account of finances and distance.

"Your paper is a triple blessing. First, I get it. Then the wife reads it, then to some Word-hungry soul, then who knows where it goes. If anyone doesn't like the paper tell folks about me for next July, 1958.

"I pray for you each time I think of you. May your efforts be fruitful.

"The Harvesthand"

(Signed) Rev. Gilbert Wright



Dr. Louis T. Talbot, Chancellor of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, breaks ground for new \$3 million Bible Institute of Los Angeles campus. Since 1908 BIOLA has been located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. As the Institute grew into four separate schools (Bible Institute, Biola College, School of Missionary Medicine, Talbot Theological Seminary), it became increasingly important to find larger quarters. Construction is now underway, with September, 1958, set as completion date.

Location is in suburban LaMirada, some 20 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles area.

You can trust THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It will honestly undertake to stay true to Christ and the Bible. It is not ashamed of the Gospel. We are willing to take the reproach of Christ. Will you help us to stay true and faithful and to do what God wants us to do, first, by earnest and daily prayer for the Sword of the Lord Foundation, the editor and work-

ers, and second, by making a generous gift to the Sword of the Lord Foundation, "Investment Evangelism," for the twenty-third birthday, September 28, 1957? This money will be used as a capital investment, will pay up bills or be used to finance the world-circling work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Your help is desperately needed and you can trust THE

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4. The Scripture quotation, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31), is printed in gold on the barrel of the ball point pen. That will make the pen an ideal gift, it will make it a good conversation piece, it will make it a good testimony for a Christian. About the Scriptures, the Israelites were commanded, "And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thine house, and on thy gates" (Deut. 6:8, 9). Surely it is pleasing and proper to have Scripture on the pen you carry in your pocket, a Scripture that points to salvation by faith in Jesus Christ! So on the first 2,000 of these pens, we are having printed this verse. Get your order in as soon as possible.

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adian or foreign). The Subscription may be new or renewal, but must be to one address (not for one year each to three different people).

You save money—(\$9.19 worth for \$5)—you help us, you avoid missing copies of THE SWORD, you get the fine three-year rate, and you get this beautiful ball point pen as a free gift!

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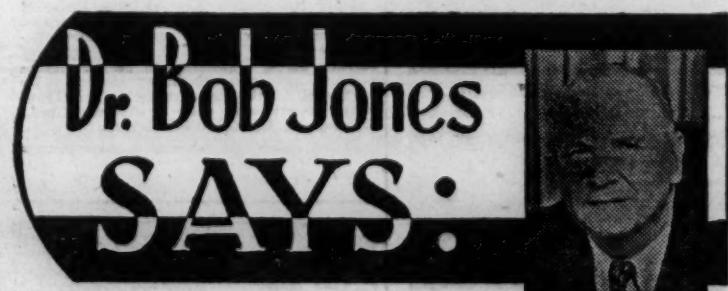


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By Evangelist Walt Handford, Vice-President
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One of the basic contentions of Dr. Billy Graham in defense against the critics of his current New York Crusade sponsorship is that he is following the same procedure as did D. L. Moody. In correspondence, Dr. Graham and his staff say that they are doing exactly as Moody did in his meetings.

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"It is surely significant that the main opposition not only to Billy Graham but to the whole Revival Movement is coming from the left-wing of Modernism and the right-wing of Fundamentalism."

But this whole idea grows out of a false conception of Moody's ministry. It is true that the modernists of Moody's day, though few in number and not in places of leadership as are today occupied by such men, fought Moody's work. The so-called "right-wing fundamentalists" who today are seriously challenging Dr. Graham's yoke with modernism never opposed Moody. The obvious reason is that Moody himself was an ardent "fundamentalist."

In 1923 Paul D. Moody, son of the evangelist and himself a modernist, wrote the following in the *Christian Century*:

"Of course, he was for this day a conservative . . . But in his day—he was in his prime in the seventies and eighties—when his work was done and his schools established, he was, for



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Above is a scene from the commencement at Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga. In the photograph are: Dr. Mark G. Cambron, dean of Tennessee Temple Bible School. Dr. Alfred Cierpke, dean of Temple Baptist Theological Seminary.

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those days, a liberal. Were he living today, an old man of eighty-six, he would be, I am convinced, more in sympathy with the men who like Fosdick are preaching what he loved to preach—the love of God and the power of Christ—than with those who are attempting to persecute them because they will not subscribe to certain shibboleths."

A storm of protest arose and Dr. R. A. Torrey, life-long companion of Moody, replied in the *Moody Bible Institute Monthly* for October, 1923:

"For one to say, as Mr. Paul D. Moody says in his letter, that Mr. Moody, 'were he living today, . . . would be . . . in sympathy with the men who' are denying the virgin birth of our Lord and the substitutionary doctrine of the atonement, is a gross and unpardonable slander upon Mr. D. L. Moody. Mr. Paul Moody has a right to his own convictions, but he has no right to misrepresent his father in order to justify his

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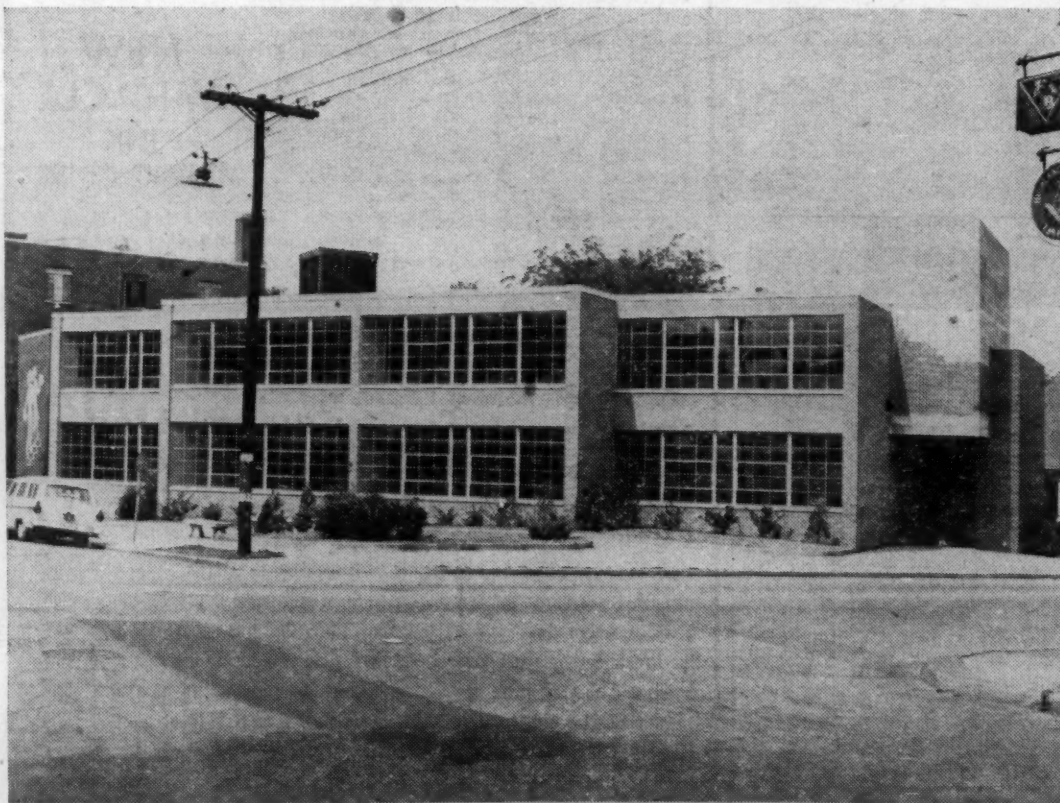
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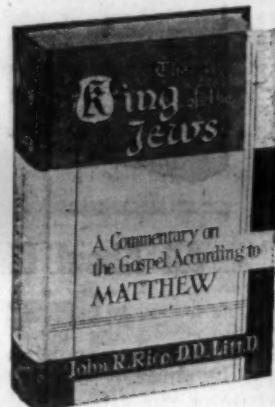
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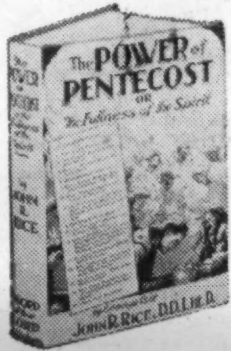


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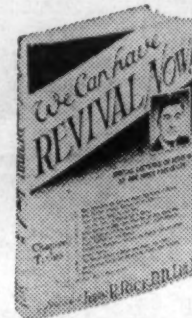


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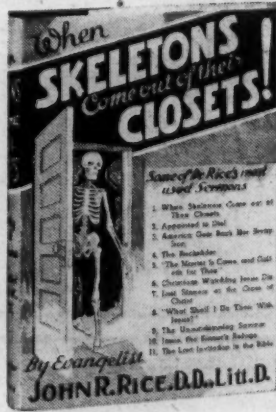
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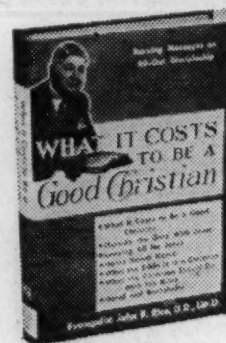


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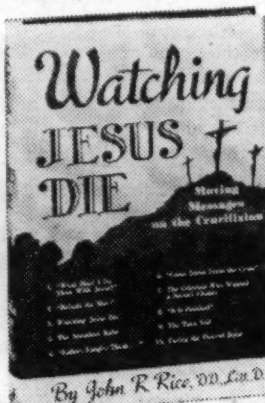
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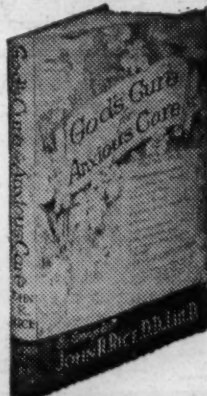
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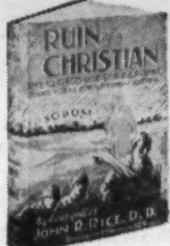
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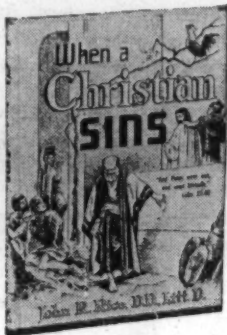
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The Autopsy of a Dead Church

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alive, and who are a beehive of activity are, in God's eyes, dead.

2. A Corpse Cannot Do a Thing for Itself

Everything that a corpse does has to be planned by another. Whenever a church gets to the place where it cannot, under the leadership of the Spirit, plan its own program, but has to have someone off in headquarters somewhere plan it, it is a sign of death.

3. A Corpse Is Very Quiet and Dignified

A corpse usually wears a black suit and black tie—Many of our churches substitute reverence for death.

4. Everyone Speaks Well of a Corpse

No one ever comes by a corpse at a funeral and says he was a dirty rat. They may have criticized him to the high heavens while he was alive, but in death everyone speaks well of him. When a church is alive for God it will draw criticism. On the other hand, when a church becomes a corpse, everyone will speak well of it, and when everyone speaks well of a church, it is dead. The same is true of a preacher, or for that matter, any Christian.

5. The Preacher Always Preaches a Positive Sermon in the Presence of a Corpse

Did you ever hear a preacher preach on Hell at a funeral? Of course not! There is no need to fight sin in the presence of a corpse. When you hear one of these little preachers say, "I preach just a positive Gospel," you can rest assured his church is dead.

6. A Different Type of Music is Sung in the Presence of a Corpse

Did you ever hear "Heavenly Sunlight" sung at a funeral? The music is usually in keeping with the occasion. Whenever you see a church with long-haired music that does not give life to the people, you can look for a quick death.

7. Embalming Helps Only for a Little While

After a person has died he is embalmed in order to make him look natural for a few days. When a church loses its fire, power with God, and zeal for souls, it dies. Then, the deacons meet and plan ways to embalm. They want the church to look alive, even if it is dead. When a church is built upon recreation, social programs, cultural concerts, bridge parties, and other secular interests you may rest assured that the deacons are only trying to embalm the corpse. Many churches have used the embalming fluid of over-organization, a new program, a million-dollar building, etc. All of this may make the corpse look alive for awhile, but in a few days it will begin to stink.

Now, would you notice three things that caused the death of the church at Sardis:

(1) They tried to get a name to be alive. Their main desire was not to serve God, but to seem alive! This led to their early death.

(2) They were not watching for the appearing of Jesus. A church will die young if it does not look for Jesus to come. If you want your church to be alive, get your people to look up. Keep them expecting the Lord any moment. It will be criticized and persecuted; it will be called fanatical and narrow-minded, but remember, only a corpse is always well spoken of.

(3) They were defiled. The word defiled in the Greek means, "to smear with mud or filth." Many of our churches would be alive today had they led their people to be clean and separated from the world.

Sardis is dead! Her death was caused by the three aforementioned

John 3:16 . . .

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our Lord "the prince of this world."

From the above we are sure that the reader will understand that "Christian world" is a misnomer. The world of John 3:16 refers to the world people who live in this material world under the sway of the world system, which leads us to state that

"The World" Designates Humanity

The world of John 3:16 does not refer to geology or geography, biology or zoology. It means the world of men.

The greatest love of man or woman is generally love of self. What a narrow love that is! God so loved the world. Walter Wilson said, "No one in all the world could possibly love everyone in the world. Most folk find it quite difficult to love all of their relatives. Perhaps the most bitter of all hatreds is that which exists in families among those who should love one another the most. But God has found it possible, with His great heart of love, to love every individual in the entire world, in spite of his faults. How supreme must be His love which enables Him to overlook all those things which we magnify in human lives, and to love faulty people!"

God so loved—what? The home? The city? The state? The country? No, the world.

God so loved—what? Anglo Saxons? Sometimes we seem to think that His love is confined to us, but there were no Anglo Saxons when John 3:16 was written.

God so loved—what? The Jews? Well, yes, but also the Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Dutch, Belgians, French, Japs, Chinese, Spaniards, Portuguese, Italians, Swiss, Austrians, Greeks, Poles, Germans, Russians, English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, Mongols, Tartars, Telegus, Bengalese, Burmans, Malays, Bushmen Hottentots, Bantus, Czechoslovakians, Maori, Singhalese, Indians, Dyaks, Arabians, Moors, Persians, Turks, Egyptians, Australians, Canadians, Eskimos, Pygmies, Yankees, Bulgarians, Syrians, Mexicans, Bedouins, Polynesians and Fijians.

If that is not impressive enough we will add the Canaanites, the Gergashites, the Perizzites, the Hittites, the Jebusites, the Amalekites, the Midianites, the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Moabites.

If that is not sufficient, we will even add the Anglo-Israelites.

Do you get this? God so loved the world?

God so loved—what? White men? Well, yes; but red men, and black, and brown, and yellow men, and mixed men; the half-breed, the mulatto, the quadroon, the octoroon; and all the wretched, degraded, blood-thirsty, fierce, superstitious, war-like, animal-like beings who have ever lived.

God so loved—what? The civilized? Yes, and the savage. The

cultured? Yes, and the illiterate. The millionaire? Yes, and the pauper. The strong? Yes, and the weak. The godly? Yes, and the ungodly. The home man? Yes, and the traveling man. The master? Yes, and the slave. The free man? Yes, and the imprisoned man. The Baptist? Yes, and the Methodist. The ruler? Yes, and the ruled. Me? Yes, and you!

God so loved—what? Men who live now? Yes! Two billions of them, and also two hundred billions of men who have been, and billions who have never yet been.

God so loved the world of men. The Apostle John? Yes, and Judas. Mary? Yes, and Jezebel. Jonah? Yes, and Nineveh. Abel? Yes, and Cain. Moses? Yes, and Pharaoh. David? Yes, and Ahab. People who believe on Christ? Yes, and the men who crucified Him.

God loves the modernist. Probably you don't. God loves Stalin, and Mussolini, and Hitler. God loves President Roosevelt. Maybe you do, and maybe you don't. I am not sure about you; I am sure about God.

Almost twenty years ago the writer heard a preacher in Chicago in a prayer plead, "God, damn the Kaiser." A great many people were damning the Kaiser in those days. Multitudes hated him with an intense hatred. God loved him, and still does. We went from Chicago to Pennsylvania, and in the course of a conversation with a very spiritual woman, the Kaiser was mentioned. The saint said, "Oh, that poor man, he is such a sinner. He has so much to answer for. I pray for him every day." What a revelation of the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost!

God loves the preacher. Yes, and the saloon-keeper, and the gambler, and the harlot. He is no respecter of persons. He loves the residents on Fifth Avenue, New York, and He loves the transients of the Gateway in Minneapolis.

The world! Do you see it?

God so loved the world—all colors, all conditions, all circumstances, all climes, all castes, all classes, all characters, all companies—the world. As Helms says, "The smallest, lowest, meanest, worst, grandest, noblest, purest, highest, best—the world."

God so loved the world! Can you see it? None excluded: all included. None omitted: none overlooked.

God so loved the world—a world of angels? No! A world of saints? No, a world of sinners! While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

But wait. Do not make this to mean that God loves sin. God loves the criminal; He does not love the crime. God loves the rebel; He does not love his rebellion. God loves the modernist; He does not love his modernism. God loves the blasphemer; He does not love blasphemy. God loves the liar; He does not love his lie. God loves the idolater; He does not love his idolatry. God loves the sinner; He does not love his sin.

Why does God love the sinner? Because God can see in every sinner the possibility of holiness. God can take the outcast, the lost, and the sinful and make them into saints. God can take the coarse stuff of man and refine it. Sinful human souls are the raw material of which God makes saints. God can take a drunken barber and make of him a Mel Trotter. God can take a river pirate and make of him a Jerry McCauley. God can take a thief and gambler and make of him a Harry Monroe. God can reach into a gypsy tent and bring forth a flaming evangelist.

A converted Irishman once said, "He is the only one I ever found who would take a man without a character."

"He saves the worst to the uttermost."

"The World" Denotes Condition

The world of John 3:16 denotes not position so much as condition; not sphere so much as atmosphere; not place so much as pow-

er. It is Satan's system. It is composed of those who live only for material and temporal things. It is made up of the children of the Devil. It is a world of busy human concerns, of thinking, planning, striving, working, all for its own glory, without any thought of God. It is a world that does not know God. "The world by wisdom knew not God." "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." "No man knoweth the Son but the Father, neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God."

The Head of the World

Satan is the prince of this world. He has dominion over it. First John 5:19 (ASV): "The whole world lieth in the evil one." Ephesians 2:2: "Ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Jesus Christ is not the head of the world; He is the head of the church, but one day He will be the head of the world.

Satan is the head of the government and politics of the world. If you doubt that, read your morning newspaper. We live in a godless state. He is head of the business of the world. The first city and civilization, the first trade and commerce, the first arts and mechanical sciences were founded by Cain and his line. Cain is described as "of that wicked one." He was the first advocate of a bloodless religion. Satan is the head of the society in this world. The prince of this world is the center of its godless society. Solomon was so entangled with society that he wed seven hundred princesses who turned him from God. Satan is the head of the religion of this world. He is called the "god of this age." This world is very religious. India has more religion than the United States. South America is full of religion. Rome has a great deal of religion. Paganism is religion. Many Protestants are religious. Hell will be full of religious people. Cain was a religious man. He brought an offering—not to an idol, but to Jehovah. Religion is of Satan; salvation is of God.

The Heart of the World

"The heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Eccles. 8:11). This verse does not say "hearts of men" but the "heart," meaning that mankind has a common heart. That heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. That is why Galatians 1:4 speaks of it as an "evil world." It reeks with moral putrefaction. It delights in sin and rejects salvation. It is filled with covetousness, uncleanness, jealousy, incest, murder, adultery, drunkenness, hatred, suicide, and selfishness. It is because of this fact that John wrote, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life."

"Lust of the flesh"—not lust of the body, but that sinful nature in man which is called flesh, that nature which is in conflict with God. It refers to our appetites which are pampered for pleasure's sake to gratify sensual appetites in any direction. It means unlawful pleasure of sins.

"Lust of the eye" refers to externalities, the world which exists for the eye alone. What excitements, temptations, follies, extravagances that world contains! It means to look upon that which stirs up unruly passions within, the desire to see unlawful sights for the sake of sinful pleasure derived from them. As a child rolls a sweet morsel over its tongue, so men roll sin over and over in the mind. It means avarice, covetousness, the desire for possession which arises from seeing some object. So Lot looked upon Sodom and desired it. So Balaam looked upon wealth and desired it. So Demas looked upon the present age and desired it. So David looked upon Bathsheba and desired her. So Achan looked upon the silver and the gold and desired them.

"Pride of life"—the love of making a boastful display; "the boast-

fulness of our way of living," says Lias; refers to ostentation in the manner of living, the desire to outshine our neighbors, a life that sets value upon caste, wealth, education, power. It means birth-pride, purse-pride, brain-pride, heart-pride. It means pride of face, pride of race, pride of place, pride of grace. It means above all else conceit of knowledge which says like Satan, "Yea, hath God said?" There is nothing more dangerous in the world today than the arrogance of knowledge. The world is filled with an unholy desire for what it has not, and with unholy pride in what it has. It is filled with the wrong desire for what is not possessed, and makes wrong use of what is possessed. A worldly life may not be given up to extreme wickedness, but it is given up wholly to material and temporal things.

The Hate of the World

The world is at enmity with God. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).

Every man born into the world is born in the flesh, and the mind of the flesh is always enmity against God (Rom. 8:7). This is why a Christian is not to love the world. The world hates the true Christian. "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you

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Moody and Modernists

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own apostasy from the faith." Nor was Moody simply a silent fundamentalist with no criticism of modernists. In his biography written by W. R. Moody, his son, on pages 494 and 495 we find:

"He did not mince words when he felt that criticism was a duty. His picture of a man following his minister's sermons carefully and cutting out of a Bible whatever the minister said was not authentic, was amusing, though sad. One day this man carried to his pastor a badly mutilated Bible, from which numerous leaves and parts of leaves had been cut, saying:

"Here, Pastor, is your Bible."

"My Bible?" said the clergyman impatiently.

"Yes; I have cut out all that you say is fable and allegory and folklore and also the mythical and so-called unauthentic parts, and here is what is left."

"Give it to me," said the preacher.

"No, you don't," the man replied. "You haven't touched the covers yet, and I am going to cling to them at least."

"I believe," said Mr. Moody, "that there are a good many scholars in these days, as there were when Paul lived, 'who, professing themselves to be wise, have become fools'; but I don't think they are those who hold to the inspiration of the Bible. I have said that ministers of the Gospel who are cutting up the Bible in this way, denying Moses to-day and Isaiah tomorrow, and Daniel the next day and Jonah the next, are doing great injury to the church; and I stand by what I have said. I don't say they are bad men. They may be good men, but that makes the results of their work all the worse. Do they think they will recommend the Bible to the finite and fallen reason of men by taking the supernatural out of it? They are doing just the opposite. They are emptying the churches and driving the young

men of this generation into infidelity."

"My mind is made up," he said at another time, "on the question proposed; namely, the relative merits of Christianity and infidelity, under whatever name it appears. Somebody once asked Charles Sumner to hear the other side of slavery. 'Hear the other side?' he replied, 'there is no other side.' I would as soon discuss the merits of Christianity and infidelity as the common laws of morality."

Not only was he boldly a fundamentalist, but he did not have modernist preachers co-operating in his campaigns. On page 6 of the book, *Moody in Baltimore*, by Beadenkopf and Stricklen, we read, "The pastors of all evangelical denominations rejoiced to have a common platform on which to unite for Christian work." (Bold-face type ours.)

Moody was seriously censured by the non-evangelical pastors for excluding them from official participation in the meetings (they were never prohibited from attending, of course). W. H. Ryder, a Universalist preacher, in his tract, *An Open Letter from Chicago to D. L. Moody, Esq., the Evangelist*, said, "I believe you have made a mistake in planning your meetings by excluding the so-called non-evangelical sects from official participation in them." Remember, the Universalists of Moody's day were the forerunners of modernists within the large denominations today and had their same theology.

By no stretch of the imagination can we be led to believe that D. L. Moody in his meetings followed the same procedure as Dr. Billy Graham has followed in New York City. On the official sponsoring committee of the New York Crusade are Henry Van Dusen, of rankly liberal Union Theological Seminary, outspoken Methodist modernist Ralph Sockman, liberal Presbyterian John Sutherland Bonnell, and other modernists.

I attended one service of the present New York campaign on Sunday night, May 26. There was much to rejoice my heart—the great crowd, the fine music, and those making decisions. But it was obvious that Dr. Graham was catering to the liberal element. He mentioned favorably from the platform the Hollywood

film, "The Ten Commandments," which he has elsewhere endorsed in print (though even *Time* magazine labels the film a religious excuse for a display of sex. *Time* says of it in the November 12, 1956 issue, "There are moments, in fact, when it seems that the seventh commandment is the only one DeMille is really interested in; to the point where the Exodus itself seems almost a sort of Sexodus—the result of Moses' unhappy [and purely fictional] love life"). Dr. Graham that night also mentioned that Dr. Norman Vincent Peale had that day told him that he believed that the New York Crusade was the beginning of a great religious awakening. I understand that Dr. Graham had asked Dr. Peale to lead in prayer at a meeting of the Crusade during the previous week. Most of the readers know that Dr. Peale is the leading apostle of a combination of psychology and religion which carefully omits mention of the blood of Christ and His atonement for sin.

Of course, there could be no mention in the New York Crusade of the terrible damage that liberal churches have done in New York City by leading thousands and thousands of people to Hell by their false teachings on morality as a way of salvation. Dr. Graham simply could not make public statements of that sort while under the sponsorship of these very churches.

Let no one be misled into thinking the New York Crusade followed the same procedures that were used by D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, J. Wilbur Chapman, Billy Sunday, all orthodox, greatly used evangelists, in regards to sponsorship. This is simply not so. The evidence is too clear and plain to doubt.

God loved,
And gave His Son
That I might ransom me:
Christ loved,
And died that I
Might live eternally.

He loves me,
Loving on, He drew me
To His side;
For me,
Yes, all for me
My Lord was crucified.

—Eva Gray

Some Vital Questions

by Uncle Roger

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Why He such love should show;
It passeth understanding,
Out-reaching human thought,
That He, the Lord of glory,
My soul with blood hath bought."

—E. G. K. Wesley.

Puzzle Number 34

Clews Across

- A name of God (Exod. 6:3).
- "And thou shalt call his name _____: for he shall save his people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).
- "There is none righteous, no, not _____ (Rom. 3:10).
- Anger
- In Romans 11:17 the Gentiles are likened to a wild _____ tree.
- A porter mentioned in Ezra 2:42
- Doctor of Library Science (abbr.)
- Rearrange "Adar."
- A word occurring seventy-one times in the Psalms—probably a musical or liturgical sign
- A baby, adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, who eventually led the children of Israel out of Egypt (Exod. 2:10)
- Hour (abbr.)
- A wooden tray or trough used for carrying brick or mortar
- A Roman household god
- Concerning (Latin)
- A model; a type of perfection
- A female deer
- A Semite of the race that from earliest times occupied the Arabian Peninsula
- Numbers (abbr.)
- A deep orange-red variety of chalcedony, s—r—
- To bend; curve
- Paul's "own son in the faith" (I Tim. 1:2).
- Southeast (abbr.)
- Bind
- New Testament spelling of Noah
- Senior (abbr.)
- Pours into until no more can be received
- A son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:21)
- An artificial water trench, esp. one to or from a mill, —e—t
- Look! Behold!
- One of the Caesars
- Leisure (Latin), —t—m
- A son of Jether (I Chron. 7:38).
- A conductor of an omnibus (Obs. English), c—
- The residence of an ecclesiastic
- An ancient country S. E. of the Caspian Sea and roughly corresponding to the modern province of Persia

Clews Down

- The father of Gideon (Judg. 7:14)
- Penetrate; pierce
- Part of the foot
- Six (Roman numeral)
- A son of Belah (Num. 26:40)
- Great ships are turned about with a very small _____ (James 3:4).
- Journalist (abbr.)
- It was said of Jacob and Esau, "And the _____ shall serve the younger" (Gen. 25:23).

- The Philippian jailor cried, "_____ What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30).
- A pulpy fruit such as a grape, —a
- Any plant growing in the sea, —w—
- Hebrews 11:31 mentions _____ the harlot as a woman of faith.
- A son of David after whom the Temple was named
- On top of this mountain Eleazar was made high priest (Num. 20:25, 26).
- The first three letters of a word meaning "set apart for religious service," —ctify
- He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the meat or wine of the king (Dan. 1:8).
- A trick or joke (obs.), d—
- Foot of an animal
- Substance exuded by a plant or tree
- The period of the earth's revolution on its axis
- David grieved, "Would God I had died for thee, O _____, my son, my son!" (II Sam. 18:33).
- A hind or doe
- Brightness; luster
- Sesame
- First three letters of a word meaning "a long, flat-bottomed sled made of thin board or boards curved up at one end," —oggan
- A book of the New Testament
- Wife of Abraham (Gen. 11:31)
- The damsel who met Peter at Mary's house after his miraculous deliverance from prison (Acts 12:12, 13)
- Well-pleased; glad
- Rebuff; insult
- A slab or monumental stone (archaeol.), —h
- The seventh letter of the Greek alphabet, —a
- Rearrange "oar."
- Personal pronoun
- A city of Moab (Num. 21:28)

Answer to Puzzle Number 32

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Can We Believe . . . ?

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shall destroy the heavens and the earth!

John foresaw this awful destruction too and gives out this plain and clear warning, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2:17). Again the Holy Spirit of God speaks of this matter through John: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them" (Rev. 20:11). All we can see with the natural eye, all we can feel with our hands is to be destroyed, and yet men will bend every energy in all-out effort to sink their roots deeper and deeper into the soil of this world which God is going to obliterate. No wonder Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). No marvel that Jesus said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where no moth doth corrupt and where no thieves break through and steal."

Somewhere I have read of a Spirit-filled man of God, a preacher of the Gospel who loved the souls of men, and was being entertained for dinner in the home of a most wealthy farmer whose wealth was only exceeded by his ungodliness. After a sumptuous meal, the unsaved and godless farmer said to the man of God, "Come with me and I will show you my vast possessions." They walked together out to the barn and climbed up into the haymow and then on up further still to a small room on top of the barn whose four windows opened in all directions.

The farmer said, "Look to the west, see those thousands of acres of golden grain? It is all mine and I am rich toward the west! Look to the east, see the beautiful meadows and pastures where flocks and herds innumerable graze? They are all mine. I am rich toward the east! Look to the north, see the rolling woodlands where enough timber grows to build a city? It is all mine and I am rich toward the north! Look to the south; see house after house, my tenants and servants live there and they are all mine. I am rich toward the south!"

But he was totally unprepared for the statement he was about to hear from the lips of the man of God who was gazing upward through a little skylight window

in the roof. "How rich are you in that direction?" he asked as he pointed straight up toward the throne of God.

Oh, my friend, how thoughtless, how absurd to live for this world! It won't last, it can't stand; God is going to destroy it! "Heaven and earth shall pass away." How glad I am that I can truthfully sing, "This world is not my home, I am just passing through."

But now notice the other statement Jesus made, "my words shall never pass away." Think of it! The Word of God will endure forever; forever it is settled in Heaven and Jesus has promised that not one jot or tittle of it shall pass away "until all be fulfilled." What God has spoken will stand the test of the ages. Every promise He has made must be kept and every prediction or prophecy in His Book must come to pass, for He has spoken and being God He cannot lie.

Of all the many infallible proofs and witnesses to the inspiration and divine origin of the Scriptures, none is more overwhelming and none more irrefutable than that of fulfilled prophecy. Only an irrational man could see the hundreds of Bible prophecies which have already been minutely and accurately fulfilled and then fail to believe that the rest would be fulfilled also. If I were to see a man shoot a rifle nine hundred and ninety-nine times and hit the heart of a target, how easy it would be to believe he could hit it the thousandth time! None of the predictions of this wonderful Book have ever missed their mark. There are many predictions of the Old Testament which seemed most incredible at their first pronouncement, but when the fullness of time was come, God's Word always came true. Nothing has ever gone amiss; God has never one time failed to make good His Word. He cannot lie! His prophecies must be fulfilled.

Let us observe several different types of prophecies which have already come to pass.

I. Predictions Which Deal With Persons

In the Book of God He has made many predictions which have had to do with individuals or persons, none of which could be more notable and worthy of study than those which deal with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. How numerous are the Old Testament passages which foretold ev-

ery intricate detail of His coming into the world, the life He was to live and the death He was to accomplish for the sins of the world.

The prophet Isaiah said He would be born of a virgin! (The Revised Standard Version notwithstanding!) "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). Every child who has read the story of His miraculous birth knows that this was fulfilled just as God said it would be. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:18).

The prophet Micah foretold the very place where our Lord should be born. "But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Mic. 5:2). Thank God this prediction found its mark and when the fullness of time was come, He who was rich, the Creator of all things; He who has no beginning or ending, the Ancient of Days whose "garments smell of myrrh, and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces," came in lowly humble birth to be the Saviour of the world.

It was predicted He would be "born of a woman," "of the tribe of Judah," "of the family of David" and all came to pass.

Volumes could be written on prophecies fulfilled in His ministry; His poverty, His miracles such as making the blind to see and the lame to leap for joy; His meekness and lowliness and His being rejected by His own people, the Jews.

The prophecies which have to do with His death alone are sufficient proof to establish forever the miraculous and divine inspiration of the Scriptures. In a recent conversation with a young college student who argued against the divine origin of the Scriptures, we turned to the twenty-second Psalm and read the sublime language of this passage which so accurately describes the death of Christ by the means of crucifixion. I went into detailed explanation of how when this Psalm was written no one could have possibly anticipated that Jesus would die by crucifixion unless the truth be revealed by divine revelation. Jesus was a Jew and the Old Testament was Jewish and the Jewish method of execution was by stoning to death. Crucifixion was a Roman method of execution. How could David have known that the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world would die by Roman execution rather than by Jewish execution? Only by being divinely inspired by God, who knows the future of all things and controls the future by His sovereign hand. When we asked the young student if he had any other explanation of this miraculous prophetic fulfillment, he answered, "I guess you have me there, I cannot argue against such overwhelming proof!"

What shall we say of scores of other predictions concerning the death of Jesus, such as His betrayal by Judas, dying between two thieves, making His grave with the rich, the soldiers gambling for His garments, not a bone of Him being broken, (fulfilled in spite of the fact that the Roman practice was to break the legs of the crucified to make more certain of their death) and being led as a Lamb to the slaughter in silence!

What shall we say of scores of passages in both Old and New Testament which predicted His resurrection?

What shall we say of the startling fact that each of His seven last sayings on Calvary were either directly or indirectly a fulfillment of prophecy?

We could add to these scores of prophecies concerning the Person of Jesus countless others which deal with such persons as Abraham, Joseph, Elijah and John the Baptist, about whose individual lives there were many prophecies, all of which have come to pass without the slightest variation of fact.

In addition to these good men, God has predicted the future of wicked men such as Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, Antiochus Epiphanes and others; and all predictions came to pass. No thinking, reasonable person would dare to be so audacious as to argue against such established evidence. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away." What incontrovertible proof this is that the Word of the Lord shall endure forever!

*Almighty Lord, the sun shall fail,
The moon forget her nightly tale;
The deepest silence hush on high
The radiant chorus of the sky.
But fixed for everlasting years,
Unmoved amid the wreck of
spheres,
Thy Word shall shine in cloudless
day,
When heaven and earth have pass-
ed away!*

II. Predictions Which Deal With Places

God in His Word has not only revealed the future of certain persons but has pre-written the rise and fall of cities and kingdoms. Much of the Bible, in fact, a great portion of it, is history written before it happened. Some have estimated that at least three-fourths of the Bible has to do with prophecy of some nature and its fulfillment. All fundamental, Spirit-directed students of the Word agree that God has outlined more than once in His Book, the course of the world's history telling forth in definite, descriptive language, the rise, prosperity, fall and destruction and final obliteration of numerous cities and kingdoms.

It seemed most incredible at the time, but one day, God's prophet and great preacher Isaiah announced the complete destruction of mighty Babylon. See this prediction and its fulfillment:

"And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged."—Isa. 13:19-22.

Proud and beautiful Babylon could not believe this prophecy could ever come to pass. She ruled the world and was rich and powerful; but the Word of God must be fulfilled! Even unbelieving scholarship must admit that Babylon is no more and her crumbled ruins stand today as mute but mighty evidence of the accuracy of God's Word as to predictions concerning places. Weird animals of various descriptions make their home in the caves and caverns of her ruins.

The Bible, in Ezekiel, chapter 26, predicted two hundred and fifty years ahead of time the sudden downfall of the ancient city of Tyre. Her citizens laughed at the awful dilemma and pitiful plight of God's people at Jerusalem. They ridiculed God's prophets and mocked His people, but God said, "Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and it shall become a spoil of the nations."—Ezek. 26:3-5.

Two hundred and fifty years later, the brilliant Alexander marched his armies to the sea, built a great causeway to reach the city of Tyre and leveled her magnificent structures to the dust of the earth and recent pictures from that site show the fishermen spreading their nets upon her remains. How true is God's Word! How accurate! How unchanging! Jesus Himself prophesied the downfall of Capernaum. "And

"FOR GOD, the Lord of earth and Heaven,
SO LOVED, and longed to see for-
given,
THE WORLD in sin and pleasure
mad,
THAT HE GAVE the greatest gift
He had—
HIS ONLY SON—to take our
place,
THAT WHOSOEVER—Oh, what
grace!
BELIEVETH, placing simple trust
IN HIM, the righteous and the
just,
SHOULD NOT PERISH, lost in
sin,
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE IN
HIM."

—Barbara C. Ryberg.

thou, Capernaum, which are exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day" (Matt. 11:23). It was at Capernaum that Jesus wrought some of His mighty miracles and poured out His heart to win her people to Himself but finally His patience and mercy came to an end and He predicted her doom. Capernaum stood proudly for several centuries after this, but today we are even uncertain as to her location. Nothing remains of her civilization, for she has truly been "brought down to hell." God, whose honor and holiness are at stake, will always keep His word!

III. Prophecies Concerning the People of the World

God in His Word has predicted ahead of time the course of history for the great streams of humanity which have cut their furrows across the pages of time. Such instances are numerous, such as the descendants of Esau, the Edomites, the Egyptians; the descendants of Ham and their predicted servitude; the descendants of Japheth and their ability to increase; the history of all these peoples has been pre-written in God's Word and honest historians today must admit that God knew aforetime the histories of these peoples.

If we could study the history of but one people, we could have a testimony to the divine origin of the Scriptures which should forever eliminate skepticism and doubt. When Napoleon Bonaparte was asked if he could give any reason for believing in the inspiration of the Scriptures, he answered, "I can give you one word which will serve as an unanswerable argument for inspiration; that word is 'JEW.'" How true is his statement. The hearts and minds of the people of God surrender in awful solemnity to the divinity of God's Book when we study the prophecies and their fulfillments which are related to the Jew. God's dealing with the descendants of Abraham takes up much of the space of the Bible.

God has kept His word to Abraham in what we refer to as the Abrahamic covenant set forth in Genesis 12:1-3. God promised here among other things, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." History has proven God's faithfulness to His word in this matter. Every nation which has been friendly to the Jew has survived and prospered, including our own United States, while every where, men, regardless of how powerful, and every nation, regardless of her armies and navies, who have dared to lift their hands against God's peculiar people, the Jews, have suffered God's awful wrath and judgment. While, Adolph Hitler suffers at this moment the torments of the damned, the empire he built is weak and powerless and divided up among other nations. The same "Son of God" who walked in company with the three Hebrews cast without cause in Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace, has allowed His providential blessings to be on His people the Jews throughout their history. God predicted the four hundred years of Israel's servitude in Egypt and subsequent deliverance. He foretold her dispersion to the four winds of the earth and her regathering to their native Palestine at the end of this present age.

The commercial success, the persecutions and sufferings of the

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or free copies of Christian magazines for teen-agers.

(5) Developing a Teen-Age Literature Crusade whereby young people combine their efforts against the obscene material.

(6) Financial support to denominational, interdenominational and independent publishers to help fill the gap caused when indecent books are withdrawn.

(7) Publishing in pocket book style (35c) much of the great Christian literature of days past and present.

Youth for Christ International is gearing a major part of its 1957-58 program to the literature situation.

CMA Supports 786 Active Missionaries

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—The 60th General Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, held here May 15-21, drew 1,038 delegates and associates.

The president of the Evangelical Churches of Viet Nam, Rev. Le-van-Thai, was a delegate to this Council. He has oversight of 42,000 Christians, 128 pastors and 160 churches and preaching points. A survey of the field is in the making, with anticipation of sending additional missionaries to complement the 91 who are now serving in Viet Nam and in the tribes of Viet Nam. There were 1,218 converts (adult) baptized during 1956 on this field.

The Alliance income for foreign missions in 1956 was over \$3,700,000.00 making the per capita giving \$53.86. The missionary society

God's Unchanging Word

For feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging word
Till soul and body sever;
For, though all things shall pass away,
His word shall stand forever.

—Martin Luther

sent out 103 new missionaries, making a total of 786 active missionaries serving on twenty-two mission fields. Rev. L. L. King, Foreign Secretary, reported that missionary effort produced some 9,400 converts, and that one fourth of all inquirers became converts and were baptized. The CMA anticipates sending over 70 new missionaries in 1957. It is the sixth largest Protestant missionary organization in the world.

The denomination's official publication, *The Alliance Weekly*, will be changed to a bi-weekly publication as of Jan. 1, 1958. The name will become *The Alliance Witness*. The magazine is under the editorship of Dr. A. W. Tozer, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. H. L. Turner, New York, was re-elected for another three year term as president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The 61st General Council will meet in Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in May, 1958.

Can We Believe . . . ?

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people have been minutely foretold in scores of Old Testament passages, all of which are finding their mark of fulfillment day by day. How true God has been to His ancient people, the Jews, but thank God He is just as true and faithful to His word regarding His present people, the church. We can victoriously sing with Martin Luther,

*And though this world, with
devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath
willed*

*His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo,
his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;*

*The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this
mortal life also;*

*The body they may kill; God's
truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.*

IV. Prophecies Concerning the Periods of the World

God in His Book has clearly marked out and described with accuracy certain periods or dispensations which would come to pass. In Daniel, chapter 2, we have Nebuchadnezzar's great image with its head of gold, breasts and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass and his legs of iron and clay. God clearly revealed to Daniel and through the prophet Daniel has revealed to His church that this image was a symbol of four great Gentile kingdoms which would rule the world in rapid succession of each other. These kingdoms in their order were Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome. What historian would dare to say that this image was not a perfect prophecy of the course and age of the Gentiles!

V. Prophecies Concerning God's Punishments

The Bible has many verses which pronounce God's sure and certain punishment of sin. "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). How many millions have proved this to be true! "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). Many who read this message will say "Amen" to this truth with tears!

God promised to punish the world with a flood and destroy all who would not accept His deliverance by the ark of safety. "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth" (Gen. 6:12-13). God kept His word and punished the world with a flood, and only eight souls were saved. The evidence of that flood is in the world today.

God promised the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

*"And the men said unto Lot,
Hast thou here any besides? son
in law, and thy sons, and thy
daughters, and whatsoever thou
hast in the city, bring them out
of this place: For we will destroy
this place, because the cry of
them is waxen great before the
face of the Lord; and the Lord
hath sent us to destroy it. . . .
Then the Lord rained upon Sodom
and upon Gomorrah brimstone
and fire from the Lord out of
heaven; and he overthrew those
cities, and all the plain, and all
the inhabitants of the cities, and
that which grew upon the ground."*
Gen. 19:12, 13, 24, 25.

He kept His word and rained fire upon those wicked men and only Lot and his two daughters escaped.

Jesus foretold awful punishment to come upon Jerusalem which cried, "Let his blood be on us and our children."

"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."—Matt. 24:1, 2.

"And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us."—Luke 23:27-30.

It is a well established fact of history that in 70 A.D., Titus with his Roman legions marched against Jerusalem and it is estimated that as high as one million Jews were cruelly slain. How true is His word and how inevitable are His predictions!

God has promised to punish sinners who reject His own dear Son. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17). "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).

Friend, in the light and experience of the past, how can you doubt that God will keep His word? Be saved today before it is too late.

God issues a great challenge in His Word. He shows how to discern whether a religion is real or spurious; whether a book is natural or supernatural; whether a god is divine or human. This challenge is found in Isaiah 41:21-23. "Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods. . . ." Could Confucius, Buddha or Mohammed read the future? No! They failed here and proved themselves to be false gods of their own making. Can the Koran or Veda or "Science and Health with the Key to the Scriptures" or any other religious handbook look beyond the present and pierce the veil of the unknown? The answer is obvious. Only God and His Book can look across unborn years and tell to us what is written upon the pages of history yet unturned. God's fulfilled predictions prove that He alone is the true God and only Saviour and that the blessed Holy Bible is of divine origin and is the final court of appeals for all men.

My friend, may God open your heart to hear His Word, accept His Son and become a partaker of His divine nature!

My heart echoes again and again the heartfelt sentiment and convictions of John Wesley who said, "I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit, coming from God, and returning to God; just hovering over the great gulf; a few moments hence I am seen no more: I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing—the way to Heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way. He hath written it down in a Book. Oh, give me that Book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it; here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one Book. Here, then, I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here. In His presence I open. I read His Book; for this end—to find the way to Heaven."

"HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY."

—The End—

John 3:16 . . .

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out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:18, 19). Again the Lord said, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hates you." A great many believers do marvel at the hatred of the world. They seem to think that because they are followers of Christ the world should love them.

The Hope of the World

Can there be any hope for a whole world guilty before God? There could be none did we not read, "God so loved the world." Had it not been for God's love, the world of mankind must long since have been wiped out.

Christmas Evans presented an allegory in which Justice and Mercy debated over the doom of the sinner. Mercy pleaded for the sinner, but Justice was inexorable. He declared that if sin should go unpunished, the very foundations of the moral universe would be weakened, and the character of God compromised. It was Wisdom who came in and proposed the sacrifice and offering of the Son of God as the means of the sinner's redemption.

Helms seized on the same allegorical thought when he wrote: "Seeing the butcheries and blasphemies and holocausts and wrongs and hells and wretchedness, if Justice had spoken, it would have said, 'The world deserves annihilation; let me annihilate it.' Truth, seeing the falsehoods and deceptions, would have cried, 'Away with it!' Omniscience, if it had spoken, would have said, 'I have looked into the world's deepest darkness; there is not one that doeth good; wipe it out.' But love pleads, 'Spare it a little time yet; wait, wait, I'll go down.' And down, down He came, crying, 'Let me at this pollution.'"

Our only hope is in Him. "So loved" pours itself out into death to save the sinner. Christ is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

In the South, many years ago, a judge was engaged to marry a beautiful girl. They quarreled and separated. Pride ruled the girl, and in spite of her love, she would not consent to a reconciliation. The judge became reckless, and when yellow fever swept the community, he went to Sand Hills and devoted his time to the sick. At last he succumbed to the dread disease. His altruistic spirit had touched the entire city and not a few knew the cause of the judge's sadness.

Some days passed when his physician met the sweetheart of the judge whom he had known for many years. He said to her, "Do you know that your friend, the judge, is very sick at Sand Hills?"

She replied with apparent indifference, "I have heard that he is sick. How is he, doctor?"

"He has passed the critical point in the disease, but he is dying."

"I do not understand you, doctor. How could he be dying when he has passed the critical point in the disease?"

The old physician replied, "You foolish, heartless girl, don't you know why? He is dying of a broken heart."

Her eyes filled with tears, and she said, "Doctor will you come with me?" She led the way to a florist's establishment where she placed her order, and wrote upon a blank card just above the pet name the judge loved to call her, "With the love of all my heart." Then she said to the doctor, "Will you please see that the judge gets this box of flowers?"

When he returned, the judge reached his trembling hand into the box and drew out the card. When he looked at it, his heart hoping against hope until his eyes had seen the name, he said: "Doctor, did she really send those flowers?" The next day the judge was sitting in an invalid's chair; the fifth day there was a quiet wedding in that Florida city. Oh, love is a tonic.

This world is sick. It has a fever worse than that of Peter's wife's mother. It has a leprosy worse than that of Uzziah or Naman. It has a palsy worse than that of the man borne by four.

It has a blindness worse than that of blind Bartimaeus. It has an insanity worse than that of the man of Gadara. It is more helpless than the man at the pool, or the one who lay at the gate of the temple. This world is sick, and it is a sickness unto death—eternal death!

Nineteen hundred years ago God turned to His garden of love. He plucked the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley, and wrapped around them the smile of His eternal love. His card is John 3:16. Then the messengers announced His Gift: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." There is no hope for this world apart from God's great Love Gift. The judge could have refused the gift of the girl; even so you may refuse the Gift of God.

A remarkable painting of Christ on the cross presents this only hope. The Saviour, hanging on a cross which rests between the two hemispheres, is looking down upon the world for which He died. Drops of blood from His hands rest upon every continent and island. Underneath the painting in three languages may be read: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"The World" Discloses Destiny

This destiny is expressed in two words in the text—PERISH and LIFE. Our Lord said: "Now is the judgment of this world" (John 12:31). The crucifixion of Christ called forth this sentence, and it will be executed in due time just as certainly as there is a God in Heaven. This world is in danger of perishing; judgment and destruction are ahead; Hell is ahead. These all loom large for the world that rejects the grace of the Son of His love.

The world, however, need not perish, for God has set forth Jesus Christ as the propitiation for the world. This word "propitiation" is translated in Hebrews 9:5 as "mercy seat." This simply means that God today is mercy-seated, and that any sinner coming to God in faith will be dealt with in mercy rather than judgment. The sin of Adam turned the throne of God into a throne of judgment. The cross of Christ has changed that throne into a throne of grace.

Before our Lord departed this earth, He declared that the Gospel was to be preached to all the world, to every creature, that whosoever believeth should have everlasting life. This Gospel by which men are saved is that of the death of Christ for our sins, and His resurrection from the dead.

God can do no more for the world than He has done. It is striking to note that our Lord said, "I pray not for the world" (John 17:9). Our Lord's present ministry is one of intercession, but not for the world. "He ever liveth to make intercession for us"—that is, Christians. God has nothing for the world beyond the death of His Son. A sinner is shut up to faith in that Son. It is either "believe" or "perish."

I believe that this love of God for men is the greatest key, the surest key, we can use to open the heart of anyone we want to win to Christ.

Margaret Meredith told in an old number of the *Outlook* of the conversion of a notorious, rough miner named Ike Miller. Henry Morehouse, a young preacher, was preaching to a company of these miners when Ike Miller came in and took a seat near the front. Preacher and helpers trembled, for this wicked man had threatened to break up the services. The sermon was on the love of Christ, and the young preacher longed to reach the heart of the wild, grimed miner who sat so strangely quiet, gazing into his face. When the meeting was over, some of the good old men gathered around the preacher regretfully.

"Ah, Henry, you didn't preach right. You ought to have preached at Ike Miller. You had a great opportunity and you lost it. That softy sort of preaching won't do him any good. What does he care about the love of Christ? You ought to have frightened him, and tried to make him see his dreadful danger, and the dreadful punishment he is going to get."

The young preacher only said: "I am real sorry I did not preach to him right. I did want so to help him."

Meanwhile the big miner was tramping home. His wife—poor, gaunt woman! heard his step and started. "Home so early?" she involuntarily cried, and ran in front of the children who were crowding themselves into a corner. But as he entered she stared in bewilderment. He was not drunk; he was not scowling. He put his arms around her and kissed her, and said: "Lass, God has brought your husband back to you." Then, gathering up the shrinking children, he said: "My little boy and girl, God has brought your father back to you. Now, let us all pray," and he knelt down. There was a long pause, a silence but for many sobs; he could not think of any words; his heart was praying, but Ike Miller had uttered no prayer and heard no prayer since he was a little boy. At last words from those distant days came back to him—something that his mother had taught him; and from that hovel floor, in the midst of that remnant of an abused family, to be abused no more, he sounded out in rugged gutturals, groaned out through his sobs:

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child;
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to thee.

Any sinner who comes with the faith and simplicity of Ike Miller will be saved. His story may not be written in a magazine, but his name will be written in the Book of Life.

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